

## Local &amp; Miscellaneous.

[From Saturday's Daily.]

**EDITOR MINER.**—I noticed in the Daily MINER of the 23d inst., I think, a communication from the Rev. G. A. Reeder which, I think, reflects rather severely on the proverbial liberality of the people of Prescott. He says that he has contributed more labor, also more money from his own pocket for repairs on our church, than was contributed by the whole people of Prescott. Now, this process of one of two things, viz: That the Rev. gentleman has been extremely liberal or that the amount contributed by the people of Prescott falls far short of that which I have been told. I have been told that from thirteen to fifteen hundred dollars have been subscribed by our citizens. If this be so, then indeed is the Rev. gentleman entitled to a flourish of trumpets; but if his own subscription should prove to be less than the above amount, and that this amount has been subscribed (the truth of which I have no doubt) by our citizens, then, in this case the people of Prescott should call on Mr. Reeder to make good the difference in amounts, that the truthfulness of his communication may no longer be questioned. I do not feel seriously aggrieved, notwithstanding my subscription was \$50; and will, if necessary, give the same amount again.

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**WEATHER.**—Several brisk showers of snow descended yesterday, and people thought that the clouds were maneuvering for a big spill. A mistake, however, as they last night disappeared. At this writing, 10 o'clock a. m., the sun is shining brightly and the air is very warm. So, February, 1874, after having favored us with plenty of snow and rain, is fast dropping out of the year, amid warm sunshine and a bright sky. We kindly bid it good-bye, since February of almost all the dead years has been good to Arizona, in that it has never failed to water the thirsty earth.

The Hardyville mail carrier took with him, last night, a very large mail. As it is now, the people of Muhave county, who live much nearer California than do those of Yavapai county, receive their "foreign" letters and papers via Prescott, and their latest news through the MINER.

They frequent y send telegraphic dispatches for California and the East to Prescott for transmittal and would patronize the wires a great deal more were Government to extend the military telegraph line to some town in the country.

An extra buckboard arrived here, from Wickenburg, yesterday afternoon, in which came M. Wormser, of Phoenix; Philip Drachman and D. A. Bennett, of Tucson. These gentlemen aver that they never before saw so much water and mud in the southern country.

The residence of D. P. Foster was, on a recent night, graced with the presence of many ladies and gentlemen of Fort Whipple and Prescott, who danced, feasted and had a good time generally.

One of the ledges recently discovered by Mr. Bradshaw, in the Castle creek country, east of Walnut Grove, is very large and contains both gold and silver. He thinks of putting up a furnace and smelting the ore.

J. W. Crane has just made a purchase of War Eagle mining property, and feels happy in possession of the same.

Quite a number of citizens of the agricultural valleys around Prescott are in town to-day.

The case of Geo. Banghart vs. D. J. Kenison, is being tried before Justice Otis. It is for account claimed by B. from K.

Several arrastras are running on rock pays from \$50 to \$150 per ton, at Antelope Hill.

Grant's mail wagon started west this morning.

[From Monday's Daily.]

**FUNERAL OF MRS. JOHN REES.**—This and several took place yesterday afternoon. The remains of the lamented lady were followed to the grave, in the Masonic Cemetery, by her relatives, the members of the Masonic Brotherhood, and a great many ladies and gentlemen, every one of whom appeared to feel deeply the untimely loss of one so young and good.

From Fort Whipple and Headquarters, Col. J. W. Mason and wife arrived at Fort Whipple last night, from Los Angeles. Their trip occupied twenty days. It rained nearly the whole time.

Col. Nelson having paid off the troops at Camp Verde, returned to Department Headquarters last night.

The Band of the 23d Infantry favored our citizens with another open air concert on the evening of Saturday last. From what we were able to gather of the sounds, through office walls and windows, we thought the music rich and the selections splendid.

Wedding, to-night, at S. C. Miller's, near Prescott. Many are going but only two are chosen victims of Hymen. It will be to be recorded that the affair and attendant ceremonies by ye "boys" who make discordant sounds, were all that fancy painted them.

Sheriff and tax collector H. M. Herbert, collected and turned over, during the past month, \$472 on account of licenses, most of which awaits holders of warrants elsewhere advertised for redemption.

Saturday last, as Mr. J. L. Fisher was splitting a piece of wood, the ax slipped and, striking his foot, inflicted a wound which has bled very freely and caused him to navigate on crutches.

All persons, in this vicinity, who may desire to subscribe for the Daily or Weekly MINER, have but to order either or both, from the carrier, or leave their names at the office of publication, Montezuma street.

The Prescott Sabbath-school is still adding to the number of its scholars, and doing a great deal of good for the entire community.

The legal contest spoken of in last Saturday's paper ended in the jury bringing in a verdict in favor of Mr. Kenison.

There was preaching and other religious services in the court-room, yesterday.

Mrs. Ed. W. Wells and her two children have gone to Chino Valley, on a visit.

Granite creek rose several inches yesterday.

The mud is drying.

Massachusetts, through her legislature, has rescinded the vote of censure passed upon Senator Sumner.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]

**RUNAWAY.**—Yesterday, as Charley Block was piloting G. Hathaway's team and wagon, near Fort Whipple, the team got the advantage of Charley, who was thrown from his seat, under the wheels, and suffered more or less injury.

**FORT WHIPPLE AND HEADQUARTERS.**—Colonel Mason, 5th Cavalry, and Mrs. Mason are to start for Camp Verde to-morrow.

General Crook intends leaving on a tour of inspection to camps Verde, Apache and San Carlos sometime this week. He will be accompanied by his Aide, Lieut. Ross.

To-morrow is the day for opening bids for contracts for supplies needed by Q. M. Department in Arizona.

February 28th, 1st Lieut. C. P. Rodgers, 5th Cavalry, upon arriving at Tucson, A. T., will proceed to join his proper station, with Company D, at Camp Bowie, A. T.

**GEN. CROOK.**—This very modest officer has yielded to the entreaties of family and friends and sat for his picture, which was, a few days ago, taken by Mr. Flanders, who, to-day, showed us one which we pronounce excellent.

The General, Mr. F. says, came down from the Fort in a snow-storm, dodged up stairs and pulling from under his great coat a suspicious looking bundle, unrolled therefrom a brigadier-general's dress coat, which, after the "ceremony" was hastily "peeled" and folded away out of sight.

**HEARD FROM.**—Mr. Gideon Brooke, a supervisor of the county, is in receipt of a letter from Mr. L. Rawlings, a former partner of his in California, in which Mr. R. states that, a few days previous to the date of the letter, which was written February 20, at Virginia City, Nevada, he (Mr. R.) there met a gentleman named Thomas, who said he hailed from Prescott and was well acquainted with Mr. B. and other old acquaintances of Mr. Rawlings. So, it seems, our defaulting sheriff and tax-collector, (this same Mr. Thomas is, or has been, trying to pass himself off for a gentleman.

We warn the public to beware of him, since he is either a maniac or a bare-faced criminal.

**RECENT ARRIVALS.**—Mr. Estevan Ochoa, one of Tucson's foremost merchants and esteemed citizens, arrived in Prescott, Saturday last, having made the trip from Phoenix, via the new road, in about four days.

M. Wertheimer (brother of the late Aaron Wertheimer), Geo. Tyng and M. Culver, got in Monday morning on the mail wagon.

A. Frank, of Ehrenberg, Messrs. Barnett & Block, of Phoenix, arrived here recently, and many more are expected, in time to bid for contracts.

M. Goldwater has shown great energy in getting freight from his mule-train to town, he having hired a pack-train to go out and bring in some goods for C. P. Head & Co., which pack-train has already made one trip, bringing coffee and other staple articles. Freighting, these times, is far from being a profitable business.

D. C. Moreland and George A. Hammond got to town last night from the Bradshaw region. They report all those arastras on Humboldt creek as doing real well. Indians were quite numerous, but appeared peacefully disposed, as Mr. M. says they might, if they wished, have stolen several animals. They have, upon one or two occasions, appeared upon hill-tops and spoken to the whites.

**AUCTION SALE.**—Mr. J. L. Fisher gives notice of sale of general merchandise, furniture, etc., to take place Saturday next, at the store of Wormser & Co. We dream of bargains.

T. Otto, whose business it is to reduce the number of beavers and other fur-bearing animals in this vicinity, arrived from the Verde a short time ago, and says that high water has almost suspended business in his line.

That excellent photographic artist, Mr. Flanders, is preparing for a journey to the Rio Verde, with the view of "taking" people and scenery down there. The MINER recommends him as being a good man and the best artist that ever visited this section.

We learn that T. W. Brooks has relocated the Cassidy-Thorne location on the Tiger mine. He, we believe, claims that the original location is void, owing to fraud in making the same.

Bidders for contracts; the eyes of Arizona are upon you; those of her hard-working citizens pleading for prices that will enable them to support themselves and families. Do not, then, prolong suffering of which many of you are authors.

"Stek."—This is a sick issue of the Daily MINER, but not half so sick as some of the men who set what little reading matter there is in it. Verily, weddings are demoralizing on printers.

Lt. Wieting, who recently had the misfortune to break one of his legs, is able to be around again.

[From Wednesday's Daily.]

**BRADSHAW AND WALNUT GROVE.**—Mr. T. W. Brooks has recently returned here from a trip to the above named mining districts, and imparted information from which we compile:

George Monroe, John Timmons and others are running four arrastras, by horse power, on Humboldt creek, and making good pay. They have the richest kind of free gold ore.

At Walnut Grove, a Mr. Hill is constructing an arrastra, and Messrs. Condon & Wade are erecting what Mr. B. called a quartz mill. Rich float rock was recently found near the Placeritas and prospectors were "tracing" it, hoping to find the ledge from which said float started.

A party of Indians, while en route toward the West, stopped long enough to make an attempt to capture a small herd of cattle belonging to Mr. Lamberson, but, that same old cow, which has, on many an occasion, "played" the Apaches, led a masterly retreat for the house, by which she saved herself and the other animals from being caught and devoured by the ravenous Johnnies.

Mr. Brooks and Charley Taylor had a hard trip through snow three feet deep, from Minnehaha Flat to Bradshaw and the Tiger lode.

Geo. W. Hance of Cienega, near Camp Verde; Ed. F. Bowers of Skull valley, and Jacob O'Bryan of Peoples valley, came to town yesterday.

Mr. O'Bryan started from home in a wagon drawn by two horses, but upon reaching Skull valley, mud became so deep and sticky that he was unable to get the wagon through it, and so left it.

Mr. Bowers says that several freight teams, in the speedy arrival here of which many of us have considerable interest, ought to have camped at his place last night.

We have, upon one of the wagons, a large stock of printing paper, and having scarcely enough of that article on hand to last two weeks, we are naturally a little anxious to see the sun shine and the wind blow, so that we may be enabled to continue blowing on white paper.

[From Wednesday's Daily.]

**SMITH'S MILL.**—A letter of the 24th informs us that this mill is running, on good ore. The damage to the flume, etc., by recent floods, is estimated in the neighborhood of \$12,000, but the energetic proprietor, Mr. P. W. Smith, was cheerful as ever; and, now that the roads are dry, so that the mill can be kept running, night and day, he expects to make every moment count and to soon make up for this loss. The mine is in first-rate condition.

**DISCOURAGING.**—Here is Mr. C. W. Beach, a hard-working man and good citizen, who pays taxes to "the best government the world ever saw," just arrived in Prescott in time to read, in our dispatches from Salt River, that Indians "not taxed" have, in the past ten or twelve days, stolen about \$1,000 worth of animals from him. Poor white man; what bad news, after a month's hard labor in trying to get his train, with freight for government, through from Salt River to Verde. And these are the Indians whom scheming agents, with pious countenances, lyingly proclaim "good!" Accursed be such liars.

Martin Cummings and two or three other miners started early this forenoon, for Black Canyon creek, where they intend to pass the balance of the water season, mining. Martin is a good miner and knows something about the diggings he is going to work.

There will be a social party at the house of Col. Jas. Nelson, U. S. Army, this evening, at which the Colonel has very kindly invited us. Mrs. Nelson being about to visit San Francisco, gives this as a sort of farewell party.

Copies of the advertisements calling for proposals were in great demand yesterday. We would have printed a lot on ships, while the "ads" were in type had we known that the proper officers at the Fort had them not.

Mr. N. B. Bowers is removing his household goods to his Agua Fria farm. Mrs. Bowers and her mother, Mrs. Crist, talk of leaving us to-morrow for the place that is to be their new home, where, we hope, they will be happy and successful in all their undertakings.

Another batch of goods from Goldwater's train was yesterday received at the store of C. P. Head & Co., and the balance is expected to-day. Among the goods received yesterday we noticed some new and fashionable ladies' and gents' clothing, jewelry, etc.

**MILITARY.**—Captain and Mrs. Mason left Fort Whipple on their way to the Verde yesterday.

General Crook and Lieut. Ross leave for Camp Verde and other points to-morrow morning. Their transportation left to-day.

This morning's buckboard carried away Geo. Tyng, for Ehrenberg, Messrs. Farnsworth and McMahon for Wickenburg.

**WEATHER.** The past two days, has been windy. An inch or two of snow and sleet fell Monday night and the air to-day is cool.

C. W. Beach arrived in town this morning.

[From Thursday's Daily.]

## THE CONTRACTS.

We are indebted to Gen. M. P. Small, acting chief quartermaster of this military department, for the following list of lowest bids and bidders for Army contracts:

Camp Apache.—A. Barnett, corn 4.00; E. Ewing, barley, 7.40, hay \$25, soft wood 3.60; hard wood, 4.20.

Camp Bowie, T. Ewing, corn 3.25 and 3.40; Fish & Bennett, barley, 4.35, H. Drachman, hay, 7.30 per lb., E. Ochoa, wood 9.25.

Camp Grant.—A. Barnett, corn 3.75, E. K. Baker, barley 4.18, A. Barnett, hay 13, D. A. Bennett, wood 4.45.

Camp Mojave.—A. Barnett, barley 4.40; Camp McDowell.—M. Goldwater, corn 3.50; P. M. Moore, barley 1.97, C. T. Hayden, hay 1.5-12, G. W. Bowers, wood 4.50.

Camp Verde.—C. P. Head & Co., corn 3.15; Samuel Moore, barley, 3.97; G. W. Hance, hay, \$15; wood, \$5.

Fort Whipple.—J. H. Lee, corn, (100,000 lbs.) 2.24; J. A. Stevens, (500,000 lbs.) 2.24, S. Moore, barley, 3.73; Price & McDonald, hay, 22.50; G. W. Bowers, hard wood, 3.58; soft wood, 3.88.

Fort Yuma and Yuma Depot.—Barley, A. Barnett, 3.30; M. Goldwater, hay, 43.50.

Camp Lowell.—Fish & Bennett, corn 2.47; E. K. Baker, barley, 2.18; H. S. Drachman, hay, 49-100; soft wood, 3.62; D. A. Bennett, hard wood, 4.80.

San Carlos.—A. Barnett, corn, 4.75; Buckalew & Goldtree, barley, 4.97; D. A. Bennett, hay, 17.47; wood, 4.87.

All the posts in the Territory.—Fish & Bennett, corn, 3.70; barley, 3.70.

**TRANSPORTATION.**—Route No. 1.—E. Ochoa.—Bowie, Lowell, Grant and McDowell, 1.85 per 100 pounds per 100 miles; Apache, 2.87; between posts, except Apache, 1.99; between Apache and other posts, 2.87.

Route No. 2.—R. B. Carley.—Verde, 2.14; Fort Whipple, 2.00; Whipple Depot, 2.05; between posts, 2.30.

M. Goldwater.—Verde, 2.30; Fort Whipple, 2.00; Whipple Depot, 2.00; between any two of the above named posts, 2.37; the contractor to furnish storage for stores at Ehrenberg, quarters and offices for the quartermaster, free of expense.

Route No. 3.—Aaron Barnett.—Fort Whipple, 2.11; Whipple Depot, 2.11; Verde, 2.40; Apache, 2.74; between posts, except Apache, 2.40; between Apache and other posts, 2.74.

**ARRIVED AT LAST.**—The mail wagon which arrived here this morning brought us three copies—different dates—of the Tucson Citizen, also several New Mexico papers and many old letters from Southern Arizona. Better late than never.

Strange to say, it brought no San Diego papers. As most of the news published in these three Citizens has appeared in our telegraphic dispatches but little, if any, itemizing is necessary.

The letters are, in the main, devoted to the wet weather, the Indian break and to lashing the agents of mail contractor Grant for neglect of duty. All agree that the mails could have been carried regularly had these agents cared to do so.

A day or two ago, as Mr. George Lount was using a hatchet on a piece of wood, he turned his eyes from off his work, and, instead of driving the hatchet into the wood, drove it far into one of his feet, cutting it badly. He is now unable to work.

A son of Mr. Gayette left Prescott early this morning, for his father's place on the road to Camp Verde. The young man came here mainly to engage the services of a competent person to construct arrastras.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Bowers and Mrs. Crist left for Agua Fria this morning.

Mr. Bowers started for the Verde.

Mr. Estevan Ochoa and servant started for their home—Tucson—this morning, via the old route.

## NEW BILLS.

A bill authorizing the Secretary of War to construct a telegraph-line from Santa Fe, New Mexico, to Tucson, Arizona Territory.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of sixty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of building a line of telegraph from Santa Fe, New Mexico, to Tucson, Arizona Territory, by way of Fort Craig, Fort Huachuca, Fort Selden, Fort Grant, Fort Huachuca, Fort Bayard, and Fort Bowie; said line to be built and said money to be expended under direction of the Secretary of War.

Mr. Elkins introduced the foregoing, February 9, which was read twice, referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered printed. We hope it will pass.

Mr. Donnell, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported the following bill:

A bill to amend the act entitled "An act to encourage the growth of timber on Western prairies," approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows: That any person who shall plant, protect, and keep a healthy, growing condition for eight years, fifty acres of timber, the trees thereon not being more than twelve feet apart each way, on any quarter-section of any of the public lands of the United States, or twenty acres on any legal subdivision of eighty acres, or ten acres on any legal subdivision of forty acres, or one-fourth part of any fractional subdivision of land less than forty acres, shall be entitled to a patent for the whole of said land, or of such legal subdivision, as the case may be, at the expiration of said eight years, on making proof of such fact by not less than two credible witnesses. Provided, That not more than one-quarter of any section shall be so granted, and that no person shall make more than one entry under the provisions of this act, unless fractional subdivisions of less than forty acres are entered, in which case, in the aggregate, shall not exceed one quarter-section.

Sec. 2. That the person applying for the benefit of this act shall, upon application to the register of the land-district in which he or she is to make such entry, make affidavit before the register, or the receiver, or some officer authorized to administer oaths in the district where the land is situated, who is required by law to use an official seal, that said entry is made for the cultivation of timber, and upon filing said affidavit with said register and said receipt and payment of ten dollars, he or she shall thereupon be permitted to enter the quantity of land specified; and the party making such entry of a quarter-section, or the provisions of this act shall be required to break ten acres of land covered by the first year, ten acres of the second year, and twenty acres of the third year after date of entry, and to plant ten acres of timber the second year, and ten acres the third year, and twenty acres the fourth year after date of entry. A party making an entry of eighty acres shall break and plant at the times hereinafter prescribed, one-half of the quantity required of a party who enters a quarter-section, and a party entering forty acres shall break and plant, at the times hereinafter prescribed, one-quarter of the quantity required of a party who enters a quarter-section, or a proportionate quantity for any smaller fractional subdivision of land.

Sec. 3. That if at any time within three years after the date of such entry, or at any time within three years after the date of such entry, or if he or she be dead, his or her heirs or representatives shall prove, by two credible witnesses, that he, or she, or they have planted, and for not less than eight years, have cultivated and protected each acre of land covered by the entry as aforesaid, they shall receive a patent for each quarter-section or legal subdivision, of eighty or forty acres of land, or for any fractional quantity of land, as the case may be, at the expiration of said term, or at any time within three years after the date of such entry, or if he or she be dead, his or her heirs or representatives shall prove, by two credible witnesses, that he, or she, or they have planted, and for not less than eight years, have cultivated and protected each acre of land covered by the entry as aforesaid, they shall receive a patent for each quarter-section or legal subdivision, of eighty 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